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In my three decades as an elected official, I have dedicated a lifetime in support of programs to assist the elderly, our youth and the many in our community who have been abused and neglected. My commitment to my constituency and the community at large is evidenced by my years of public service as a State Senator, a Councilmember, and work with many nonprofit organizations.

As a Councilmember, I introduced and worked on key legislation which proved beneficial to many in our community including a low income tax credit on real property and providing tax relief for farmers faced with insurmountable tax bills.

Most recently my concerns have expanded to the cost of a proposed mass transit rail system and the protection of our natural environment. Although I am not opposed to mass transit, I have been and continue to be an opponent of a steel on steel rail system which would cost our residents upwards of \$5 billion. I have always supported a rubber tire fixed guideway, which would cost half the amount of a rail system and provide more flexibility for all Oahu's residents.

I am very much aware of the challenges facing our residents in the coming years, especially how the economy, higher energy and food costs, and a new mass transit system will affect our City. But as always, I will continue to work for the community and those less fortunate who need a voice by maintaining a vigilant watch on our taxpayers' dollars.